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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CABRAL'S INAUGURAL SPEECH

1. PRESIDENT CABRAL ADDRESSED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MARCH 13 AFTER IT HAD ELECTED HIM UNANIMOUSLY TO NEW FOUR YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF STATE. SPEECH NOTABLE FOR ITS LACK OF IDEOLOGICAL RABBLE ROUSING, MODERATE TONE AND FRANK RECOGNITION OF LIMITATIONS OF GOGB TO FACE TREMENDOUS HURDLES OF DEVELOPMENT. REMINDING DEPUTIES THAT REVOLUTION CAME FROM COUNTRY SIDE, PRESIDENT STATED DEVELOPMENT MUST ALSO ORIGINATE COUNTRYSIDE WHERE GOGB EFFORTS WOULD BE CONCENTRATED. HE BERATED CITY DWELLERS FOR CLAMORING FOR SCANT FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS OF LIVING AND CRITICIZED CIVIL SERVANTS WHO DID NOTHING BUT COLLECT SALARIES. HE ATTACKED RACISM, WHICH HERE MEANS ANTI-CAPE VERDEANISM, AND TRIBALISM WHICH HE ADMITTED STILL EXISTED. PAIGC WOULD NOT TOLERATE DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SKIN COLOR.

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2. SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF SPEECH DEVOTED TO QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO GUINEA-BISSAU. PRESIDENT URGED BISSAUNS ACCEPT NEED FOR VAST NUMBERS FOREIGN TECHNICIANS FOR 3, 4 OR EVEN 10 YEARS UNTIL BISSAUNS COULD BE TRAINED. HELP WOULD BE ACCEPTED FROM ALL WILLING DONORS AND DEMOGGERY VIZ A VIZ FORMER ENEMIES

WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED. AFTER NOTING GRATITUDE TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAD AIDED PAIGC DURING STRUGGLE AND SINGLING OUT SOVIETS FOR SPECIAL THANKS, PRESIDENT MANIFESTED COUNTRY'S QUOTE GREATER GRATITUDE UNQUOTE TO THOSE WHO ARE ASSISTING COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THESE INCLUDE MANY WHO DID NOT AID PAIGC DURING STRUGGLE BECAUSE OF FRIENDSHIP OR ALLIANCE WITH PORTUGAL. SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL THANKS WERE SWEDEN, NETHERLANDS, EEC, FRANCE, PRC AND CUBA.

3. PRESIDENT AFFIRMED FOREIGN POLICY ESTABLISHED SINCE INDEPENDENCE WOULD NOT CHANGE. GB WOULD STRIVE FOR CLOSER RELATIONS WITH BOTH CONAKRY AND DAKAR AND WOULD STUDY THEIR EXPERIENCES. ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, PRESIDENT GENERALIZED THAT GB WOULD SUPPORT ALL THOSE FIGHTING AGAINST COLONIALISM AND RACISM AND WAS CONFIDENT THAT AS PAIGC HAD WON SO WOULD THEY. IN AN INTERESTING CLARIFICATION HIS MEANING OF NON-ALIGNMENT PRESIDENT DECLARED CONTINUED ADHESION OF GB TO NAM DEFINING IT AS THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT ENTER INTO MILITARY GROUPINGS.

4. PRESIDENT WAS EFFUSIVE IN HIS HOMAGE TO COUNTRY'S ARMED FORCES WHICH HE LABELED AS THE MAJOR FORCE OF PARTY. HE THANKED ARMED FORCES FOR THEIR LOYALTY IN SPITE PERIODS FO SIX AND NINE MONTHS WHEN THEY WENT WITHOUT PAY.

5. COPY SPEECH BEING POUCHED AF/W MCGUIRE.
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